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CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371	10/202620				
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED				
PCT/EP04/007408 / July 2004	7 July 2003				
TITLE OF INVENTION SMOKE- AND STEAM-PERMEABLE FOOD CASING COMPRISING A FL	LAVORED INTERIOR SURFACE,				
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US	i				
Robert Wilfer et al. Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO	/US) the following items and other information:				
Grant School of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.					
COONE - CURSEOUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.					
This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.					
4. The US has been elected (Article 31).					
5. x A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))					
a. x is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).					
b. has been communicated by the International Bureau.					
c. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).					
6. x An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).					
a. x is attached hereto.					
b. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).					
7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))					
a. are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).					
b. have been communicated by the International Bureau.					
c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.					
d. have not been made and will not be made.					
8. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).					
9. x An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).					
An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preli Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).	iminary Examination Report under PCT				
Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:					
An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.					
12. x An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in com	pliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.				
13. x A preliminary amendment.					
14. X An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.					
15. A substitute specification.					
16. A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.					
17. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 – 1.825.					
18. A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).					
19. A second copy of the English language translation of the international	al application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).				

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Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no person are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. Effective on 12/08/2004. 3256 Not Yet Assigned Application Number Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818). Concurrently Herewith **FEE TRANSMITTAL** Filing Date Robert Wilfer First Named Inventor For FY 2005 Not Yet Assigned **Examiner Name** N/A Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27 Art Unit 22135-00030-US1 940.00 Attorney Docket No. TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply) Other (please identify): None Credit Card Money Order Check Connolly Bove Lodge & Hutz LLP Deposit Account Number: 22-0185 Deposit Account Name: x Deposit Account For the above-identified deposit account, the Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply) Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee Charge fee(s) indicated below Charge any additional fee(s) or underpayment of x Credit any overpayments fee(s) under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 FEE CALCULATION 1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES **SEARCH FEES EXAMINATION FEES FILING FEES Small Entity Small Entity Small Entity** Fees Paid (\$) Fee (\$) Fee (\$) Fee (\$) **Application Type** Fee (\$) Fee (\$) Fee (\$) 200 100 500 250 150 300 Utility 50 130 65 100 200 100 Design 160 80 150 300 200 100 Plant 300 250 600 500 300 · 150 Reissue 0 200 100 0 Provisional **Small Entity** 2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES Fee (\$) Fee (\$) Fee Description 25 50 Each claim over 20 (including Reissues) 100 200 Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues) 180 360 Multiple dependent claims Multiple Dependent Claims Extra Claims Fee (\$) **Total Claims** Fee Paid (\$) Fee (\$) - 20 = Fee (\$) Indep. Claims Extra Claims - 3 = 3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s). Fee Paid (\$) Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof Fee (\$) Total Sheets Extra Sheets (round up to a whole number) x /50 18 - 100 = _____ Fees Paid (\$) 4. OTHER FEE(S) Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount) Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): 1631 Basic National Stage fee 300.00 200.00 1633 National Stage Examination Fee - all other ... 1642 National Stage Search Fee - search report ... 400.00 40.00 8021 National Stage recording each patent assignment, ...

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